U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division

NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION ACT OF 1993 -COOPERATIVE RESEARCH GROUP ON ROS-INDUSTRIAL CONSORTIUM-AMERICAS

Notice is hereby given that, on August 29, 2016, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. § 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), Southwest Research Institute--Cooperative Research Group on ROS-Industrial Consortium-Americas ("RIC-Americas") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its Membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, 3M Company, St. Paul, MN, has been added as a party to this venture.

Also, Ford Motor Company, Livonia, MI, has withdrawn as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open and RIC-Americas intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership or planned activities.

On April 30, 2014, RIC-Americas filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the <u>Federal Register</u> pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on June 9, 2014 (79 FR 32999).

The last notification was filed with the Department on January 27, 2016. A notice was published in the <u>Federal Register</u> pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on March 9, 2016 (81 FR 12526).

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